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7. (Amended) A method according to Claim 1, in which the step of forming the article includes the step of forming a mould having a relief corresponding to the relative intensity of the points of the original image and moulding the article from a translucent material in the mould to form an article having different thicknesses corresponding to the different intensities of the original image.

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9. (Amended) A method according to Claim 7, in which the step of forming the mould is an engraving step.

10. (Amended) A method according to Claim 1, in which the step of forming the article comprises the step of engraving translucent material.

11. (Amended) A method according to Claim 10, in which the engraving step is achieved using a numerically controlled engraving machine.

12. (Amended) A method according to Claim 10, in which the engraving step is achieved using laser engraving.

13. (Amended) A method according to Claim 1, in which the article is formed from a plastics material.

14. (Amended) A method according to Claim 1, in which the article is formed from a confectionery material.

15. (Amended) A method according to Claim 1, in which the article is formed from a soap.

16. (Amended) A method according to Claim 1, in which the article is formed from a wax.

17. (Amended) A method according to Claim 1, in which the material includes luminescent particles.

A3 18. (Amended) A method according to Claim 1, including the further step of providing a luminescent layer on or in the article.

19. (Amended) A method according to Claim 1, in which the article is formed of a coloured material.

20. (Amended) A method according to Claim 1, including the further step of providing a coloured layer on or in the article.

21. (Amended) A method according to Claim 1, in which the article is made from a heat sensitive material whose light transmissive properties vary dependent on the temperature of the material.

A4 27. (Amended) An article according to Claim 26, in which the material includes luminescent particles.

28. (Amended) An article according to Claim 26, in which a luminescent layer is provided on or in the article.

29. (Amended) An article according to Claim 26, in which the article is formed of a coloured material.

30. (Amended) An article according to Claim 26, in which a coloured layer is provided on or in the article.

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31. (Amended) An article according to Claim 26, in which the article is made from a heat sensitive material whose light transmissive properties vary dependent on the temperature of the material.

Please add new Claims 32-35 as indicated below:

32. (New) A method of forming a plastics article through which an image is observable when the article is illuminated with light from behind due to variations in the thickness of the material of the article corresponding to variations in intensity of the image to be observed, the method comprising the steps of:

determining the relative intensity at different points of an image;

converting the determined relative intensity into data for controlling a mould forming machine;

automatically forming a mould in which the relief on the mould surface corresponds to the determined relative intensity; and

moulding the article in the mould, the article being moulded from a translucent plastics material including a pigmentation.

33. (New) A method of forming an article through which an image is observable when the article is illuminated with light from behind due to variations in the thickness of the material of the article corresponding to variations in intensity of the image to be observed, the method comprising the steps of:

determining the relative intensity at different points of an image;

converting the determined relative intensity into data for controlling a tool forming machine;

automatically forming a tool having a tool surface corresponding to the determined relative intensity; and

pressing the tool onto a material surface of a material from which the article is to be formed.